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17.	आसान	-	-
18.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	-	-
19.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	-	-
20.	मणिपुर	-	-
21.	मेघालय	-	-
22.	मिजोरम	40	0.56
23.	नागालैंड	-	-
24.	सिक्किम	-	-
25.	अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह	-	-
26.	त्रिपुरा	-	-
27.	चंडीगढ	-	-
28.	दादरा और नागर हवेली	31	-
29.	दमन और द्वीप	135	0.05
30.	पांडिचेरी	90	-
31.	दिल्ली	-	-
	योगः	36412	15.78

Export of Onions by private traders

2458. SHRI V. N. GADGIL:
SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL:

Will the Ministe of AGRICULTURE be pleased-to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has represented that the new policy of allowing private traders to export onion to Sri Lanka has adversely affected agriculturist in the Districts of Nashik, Pune and Satara;

(b) whether the monopoly purchase of onion by NAFED used to stabilise price and farmers used to get reasonable price; and

(c) if so, whether Government will restore monopoly export sanction to NAFED?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Export of Onions continues to be canalised through NAFED. Associated Shippers have been permitted to export onions to Sri Lanka subject to "No Objection Certificate' from NAFED and subject to the Minimum Export Prices announced by NAFED. The change in export policy is not expected to have significant affect on farm gate prices of onions as NAFED like other exporters can export onion to all countries. NAFED continues to enjoy monopoly export status in respect of Mauritius.

Opening of National Minority Commission's Regional Office at Bombay

2459. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state,

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Minorities Commission has decided to open a Regional office in Bombay;

(b) whether the law constituting Minorities Commission, empowers it to open such branches; and

(c) whether it has opened similar offices in any other major centres and if so, which ones?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The National Commission for Minorities had sent a proposal for setting up regional offices of the Commission in Bombay as well as in Hyderabad, Lucknow, Calcutta, Chandigarh and